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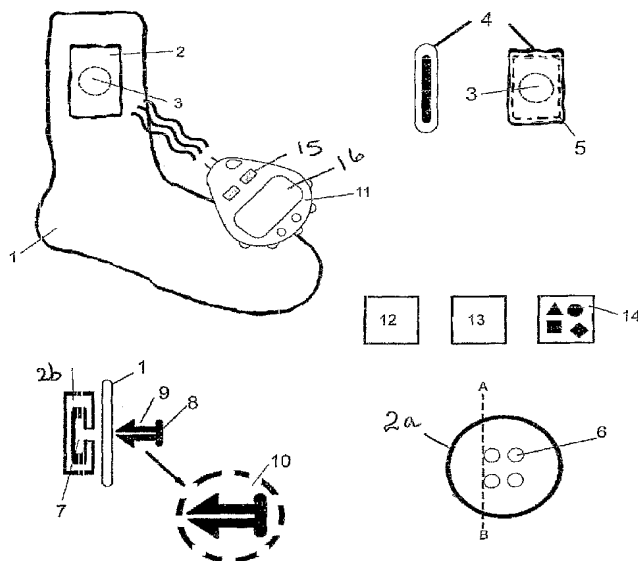
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(57) Abstract: An organizing apparatus for sorting and mating members (1) of a plurality of members, the mated members forming a matched set. A preferred application is to sort socks (1). The invention comprises indicia (14) and electronic devices (3) preferably attached to each member (1) of the matched sets; a means to read said indicia (11) that may be human, or an electrically operated device (11); and a means to associate said read information with areas on a sock storage devices. Said association preferably includes the use of electrically operable indicator means (eg LED) attached to said sock storage device. The sock storage preferably may be temporary storage for the purpose of sorting/mating socks and/or for storage of socks for subsequent use. Means for automatically tracking the contents of luggage is disclosed.